

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A nail polish applicator comprising:
 - 2 a propellant container extending along a longitudinal axis and
 - 3 containing a nail polish under pressure;
 - 4 a nozzle coupled to the container and having an outlet; and
 - 5 an actuator configured to selectively dispense the nail polish
 - 6 through the nozzle, wherein the nozzle is configured to dispense the nail
 - 7 polish along a dispensing axis substantially parallel or coextensive with
 - 8 the longitudinal axis of container.
- 1 2. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the actuator includes a trigger movable in a direction towards the longitudinal axis of the container.
- 1 3. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the actuator includes a trigger proximate the nozzle.
- 1 4. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the applicator includes a housing at least partially about the container, wherein the housing extends along the longitudinal axis.
- 1 5. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the housing includes a plurality of sections fastened together about the container.
- 1 6. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the housing supports the actuator.
- 1 7. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the actuator includes a trigger pivotally coupled to the housing.
- 1 8. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the housing has a first outer exterior surface and wherein the actuator includes a trigger having a

3 depression surface substantially flush with the outer surface of the
4 housing.

1 9. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the housing has a
2 longitudinal length greater than the container and wherein the housing
3 abuts an axial end of the container opposite the nozzle.

1 10. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the housing has a frusto-
2 conical nose proximate the nozzle.

1 11. The applicator of claim 1 including a cap configured to
2 removably cover the nozzle.

1 12. The applicator of claim 1 wherein the actuator includes a
2 trigger and wherein the applicator further include a cap configured to
3 removably cover the trigger.

1 13. The applicator of claim 12, wherein the cap removably
2 covers the nozzle.

1 14. The applicator of claim 4, wherein the nozzle has a
2 dispensing opening and wherein the housing tapers toward the opening.

1 15. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the container has an outer
2 surface configured to be manipulated in a manner similar to that of a pen
3 between a thumb, a middle finger, and an index finger.

1 16. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the container has a
2 maximum outer diameter of 1.0 inch proximate the actuator.

1 17. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the actuator is disposed at
2 least partially between the container and the nozzle.

18. The applicator of claim 1, wherein the actuator is no greater than 1.5 inches from the outlet in a direction along the dispensing axis.